THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) to (c) Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Limited (ONGC), Eastern Region has donated condemned and unserviceable pipes to the State and District Administration Authorities for construction of bridges and other infrastructure in Upper Assam area from time to time. This is a part of ONGC's effort towards Socio Economic Development of the area, based on the requests received from these authorities from time to time ONGC have informed that no specific guidelines have been framed to provide these for MPLAD scheme in the region. In addition, ONGC has also been using such condemned and unserviceable pipes for construction of bridges as a part of its operational requirement in the Upper Assam area.

Absorption in increase in oil prices

711. SHRI RAJNATH SINGH 'SURYA': Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal for absorbing small increases in oil prices by the oil companies instead of passing these on to consumers;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reaction of oil companies to such a proposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) to (c) With the dismantling of the Administered Pricing Mechanism the pricing of all petroleum products, except for PDS kerosene and domestic LPG, has been decontrolled and the oil companies are fixing the prices of these products.

Mechanism for revision of oil prices

712. SHRI J. CHrTHARANJAN:
SHRI GAYA SINGH:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that with the dismantling of administered pricing mechanism in petroleum sector, periodic revision of the prices of petrol and diesel has become the order of the day;